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Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, Director, James Madison Program.

Robert P. George is McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University. He is also frequently a Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School.

In addition to his academic service, Professor George has served as Chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. He has also served on the President's Council on Bioethics, as a presidential appointee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and as the U.S. member of UNESCO's World Commission on the Ethics of Science and Technology.

He is a former Judicial Fellow at the Supreme Court of the United States, where he received the Justice Tom C. Clark Award.

He serves on the boards of the John M. Templeton Foundation Religion Trust, the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, the Ethics and Public Policy Center, the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, the National Center on Sexual Exploitation, and the Center for Individual Rights, among others.

Professor George is author of *Making Men Moral: Civil Liberties and Public Morality* (Oxford University Press, 1993), *In Defense of Natural Law* (Oxford University Press, 1999), *The Clash of Orthodoxies* (ISI, 2001) and *Conscience and Its Enemies* (ISI, 2013). He is co-author of *Conjugal Union: What Marriage Is* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), *Embryo: A Defense of Human Life* (2nd edition, Doubleday, 2011), *Body-Self Dualism in Contemporary Ethics and Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), and *What is Marriage?* (Encounter, 2012). He is editor of several volumes, including *Natural Law Theory: Contemporary Essays* (Oxford University Press, 1992), *The Autonomy of Law: Essays on Legal Positivism* (Oxford University Press, 1996), *Natural Law, Liberalism, and Morality* (Oxford University Press, 1996), and *Great Cases in Constitutional Law* (Princeton University Press, 2000), and co-editor of the *Cambridge Companion to Natural Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2017)

Professor George's articles and review essays have appeared in the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Yale Law Journal*, the *Columbia Law Review*, the *University of Chicago Law Review*, the *Review of Politics*, the *Review of Metaphysics*, and the *American Journal of Jurisprudence*. He has also written for the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, *First Things*, the *Boston Review*, and the *Times Literary Supplement*.

A graduate of Swarthmore College, Professor George holds M.T.S. and J.D. degrees from Harvard University and the degrees of D.Phil., B.C.L., and D.C.L. from Oxford University. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Swarthmore and received a Frank Knox Fellowship from Harvard for graduate study in law and philosophy at Oxford. He holds twenty-one honorary degrees, including doctorates of law, letters, ethics, science, divinity, humane letters, civil law, law and moral values, humanities, and juridical science.

Professor George is a recipient of the United States Presidential Citizens Medal, the Honorific Medal for the Defense of Human Rights of the Republic of Poland, the Bradley Prize for Intellectual and Civic Achievement, the Philip Merrill Award of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, the Paul Bator Award of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy, the Sidney Hook Award of the National Association of Scholars, a Silver Gavel Award of the American Bar Association, the Charles Fried Award of the Harvard Law School Federalist Society, the Irving Kristol Award of the American Enterprise Institute, and Princeton University's President's Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Baylor University has named its new Washington, D.C.-based program the "Robert P. George Initiative in Faith, Ethics, and Public Policy."

External Members



Paul Carrese is founding Director of the School of Civic & Economic Thought and Leadership at Arizona State University, which reconnects liberal education and civic education to prepare leaders for public affairs and civil society. It is the only such department at a major American university, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees and sponsoring an array of programs; see <https://scetl.asu.edu/>. For two decades, Carrese was professor of Political Science at the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he co-founded and directed the Academy's "Great Books" honors program. He has been a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard, a Fulbright Fellow at Delhi University, and Forbes Visiting Fellow in the James Madison Program, Princeton. He is author of *The Cloaking of Power: Montesquieu, Blackstone, and the Rise of Judicial Activism* (Chicago, 2003, 2013), and *Democracy in Moderation: Montesquieu, Tocqueville, and Sustainable Liberalism* (Cambridge, 2016, 2018), along with many articles and book chapters. He has co-edited John Marshall's *The Life of George Washington* (Liberty Fund, 2001); *Constitutionalism, Executive Power, and the Spirit of Moderation* (SUNY, 2016); and *American Grand Strategy: War, Justice, and Peace in American Political Thought* (Johns Hopkins, forthcoming). Professor Carrese earned two master's degrees from Oxford, in Politics & Philosophy and in Theology, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Boston College. He has served on Rhodes Scholarship final selection committees for 25 years, and serves on the advisory board of the Institute for Classical Education, a project of the Great Hearts Academies.



Farr Curlin, Josiah C. Trent Professor of Medical Humanities. Dr. Curlin is a hospice and palliative care physician who joined Duke University in January 2014 where he holds joint appointments in the School of Medicine, including its Trent Center for Bioethics, Humanities & History of Medicine, and in Duke Divinity School, including its Initiative on Theology, Medicine and Culture. He works with Duke colleagues to foster scholarship, study, and training regarding the intersections of medicine, ethics, and religion. After graduating from medical school, he completed internal medicine residency training and fellowships in both health services research and clinical ethics at the University of Chicago before joining its faculty in 2003. Dr. Curlin's empirical research charts the influence of physicians' moral traditions and commitments, both religious and secular, on physicians' clinical practices. As an ethicist, he addresses questions regarding whether and in what ways physicians' religious commitments ought to shape their clinical practices in a plural democracy. Dr. Curlin and colleagues have authored numerous manuscripts published in medicine and bioethics literature, including a *New England Journal of Medicine* paper titled, "Religion, Conscience and Controversial Clinical Practices." He is particularly concerned with the moral and spiritual dimensions of medical practice and the doctor-patient relationship, and with the moral and professional formation of physicians. His areas of expertise are medicine, medical ethics, doctor-patient relationship, religion and medicine, and conscience. At the University of Chicago, Dr. Curlin founded and was co-director of the Program on Medicine and Religion. Dr Curlin is an alumnus of UNC class of '92 (B.A.) and class of '98 (M.D.).



Jacqueline C. Rivers has served as a lecturer at Harvard University and has presented at Princeton University, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Pennsylvania, the American Enterprise Institute, the Vatican, the United Nations and in several other venues. Her latest publication, co-authored with Harvard sociologist Orlando Patterson, appears in the volume [The Cultural Matrix](#). Jacqueline Rivers holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University where she was a Doctoral Fellow in the Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy of the J. F. Kennedy School of Government and a Graduate Research Fellow of the National Science Foundation. She graduated from Harvard Radcliffe College (B.A. *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa and M.A., both in Psychology).



Cornel West is a prominent and provocative democratic intellectual. He is Professor of the Practice of Public Philosophy at Harvard University and holds the title of Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. He has also taught at Union Theological Seminary, Yale, Harvard, and the University of Paris. Cornel West graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard in three years and obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy at Princeton.

He has written 20 books and has edited 13. He is best known for his classics, Race Matters and Democracy Matters, and for his memoir, Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud. His most recent book, Black Prophetic Fire, offers an unflinching look at nineteenth and twentieth-century African American leaders and their visionary legacies.

Dr. West is a frequent guest on the Bill Maher Show, CNN, C-Span and Democracy Now. He made his film debut in The Matrix Reloaded— and was the commentator (with Ken Wilbur) on the official trilogy released in 2004. He also has appeared in over 25 documentaries and films including Examined Life, Call & Response, Sidewalk and Stand.

He has produced three spoken word albums including Never Forget, collaborating with Prince, Jill Scott, Andre 3000, Talib Kweli, KRS-One and the late Gerald Levert. His spoken word interludes are featured on productions by Terence Blanchard, The Cornel West Theory, Raheem DeVaughn, and Bootsy Collins.

In short, Cornel West has a passion to communicate to a vast variety of publics in order to keep alive the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. – a legacy of telling the truth and bearing witness to love and justice.

Board of Trustees Representatives



Chuck Duckett is Vice Chair of the UNC Board of Trustees. He is a partner in Battle & Associates, Inc., a marketing services firm he joined in 1989. He is also a partner in GRINS Enterprises, LLC. He graduated from Carolina in 1982 with a B.A. in political science and history. He is married to Beth Brady Duckett who also graduated from UNC. All three of their children have graduated from Carolina. His past service to the university includes work on the National Development Council, the Board of Visitors, the Steering Committee for the Carolina First Campaign and the board of WUNC FM. He established the Bill Guthridge Mathematics Scholarship and helped establish the Bill Guthridge Endowed Professorship in Mathematics along with John Burress. On the Board of

Trustees, he is Chairman of the University Affairs Committee, and serves on the Finance, Infrastructure and Audit Committee, the External Relations Committee and the Personnel Committee. He is a member of the executive board of the Rams Club. He has also served on numerous community boards.



Jeff Brown is a partner in the law firm of Moore and Van Allen in Charlotte. Born in Chattanooga, TN, Brown received his B.S. from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1981, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, and his J.D. from Vanderbilt University. Brown focuses his practice on the representation of investors & developers in sophisticated commercial real estate transactions, ventures and developments. He has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America (including Charlotte Lawyer of the Year, Land Use), NC Super Lawyers and Business NC Legal Elite. Brown is a recipient of the City of Charlotte “Mayor’s Award” recognizing one Charlotte Citizen, who has demonstrated unselfish community leadership and a recipient of the YMCA of Greater Charlotte George Williams Award. He was a William C. Friday Fellow for Human Relations with the Wildacres Leadership Initiative. Brown has served on the Foundation Boards for UNC Charlotte and Central Piedmont Community College, the Executive Committees for the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and Charlotte Metropolitan YMCA, and City of Charlotte Citizens Committees related to transit and privatization. At UNC, Brown has served on search committees for the Dean of the Law School, the University General Counsel among others. He has served as Chair of the Board of Trustees Personnel Committee and Vice-Chair of the University Affairs Committee. He is married to the former Cantey Venable Sutton, UNC-CH ’80 and great-granddaughter of former UNC President Francis Venable.

Board of Governors Representative



Rob Bryan, is an American politician and attorney from Charlotte, North Carolina. Rob was appointed by the NC General Assembly in 2017 to serve on the University of North Carolina System Board of Governors. His term will end in 2021. Bryan serves as the vice chair of the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs, as a secretary of the Committee on Strategic Initiatives, and as a member of the Committee on Laboratory Schools.

Rob presently owns his own consulting firm working with a wide variety of clients. Until June of 2019, he served as the Chief Development Officer for Cardinal Innovations Healthcare, managing the organization's real estate holdings, purchasing, mobility strategies, and government relations. Prior to joining Cardinal, Bryan practiced law for 18 years. Most recently, he worked at the law firm of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge, and Rice for over 10 years as a partner in the commercial real estate group.

Bryan is proud of his deep ties to education and the experiences that have helped shaped his service to this state. His mother and sister were both teachers and, prior to attending law school,

he taught for two years with Teach for America.

Bryan is no stranger to public service. He was as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, representing District 88 in Charlotte, for two terms from 2013-16. During his tenure, he chaired the Education Appropriations Committee, the Judiciary IV Committee, and the Joint Education Oversight Committee, as well as a number of House Select committees. He also served on the General Statutes Commission and continues to serve on the North Carolina Courts Commission. While in the legislature, he was selected as an Emerging Leader and attended the Emerging Leaders Program at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Administration. He also participated in the Global Leaders to India study program. Bryan received his B.A. with distinction from University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and a J.D. with honors from Duke University School of Law.